



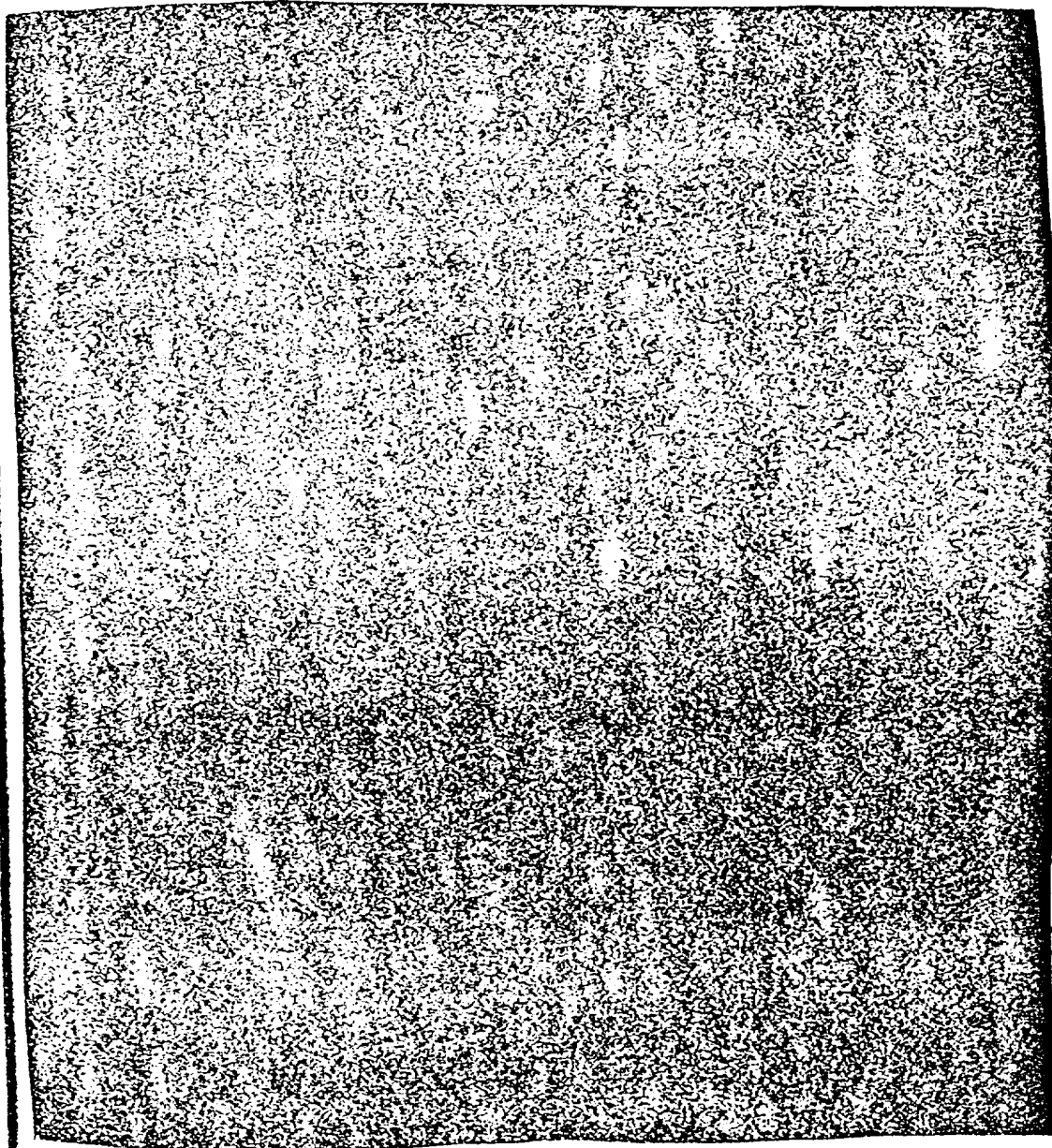
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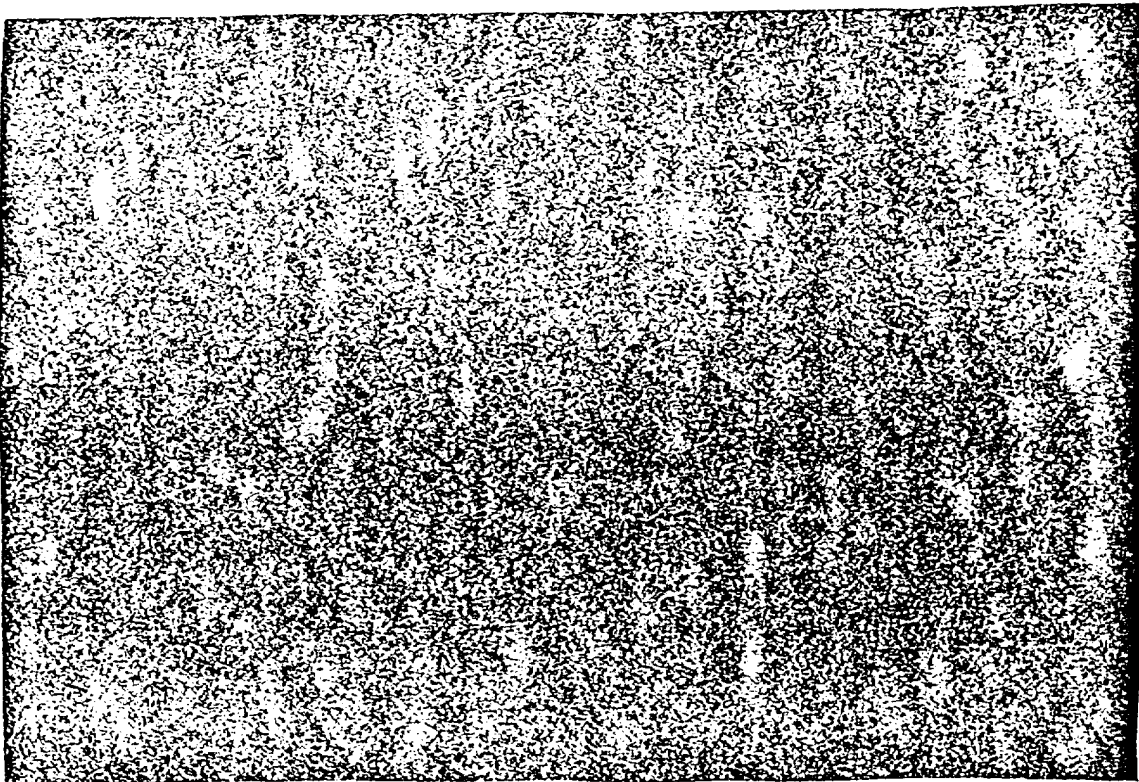
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West European Reactions to Saddam's Speech

According to press reports, West Europeans are resigned to a ground war following Saddam's speech today on Iraqi radio.

- o British Prime Minister Major said that the Iraqi President's remarks were "very disappointing" and offered "no glimmer of hope" for a peaceful resolution to the Gulf crisis.
- o French Speaker of the National Assembly Fabius told reporters the address was a "suicide speech."
- o Italian Prime Minister Andreotti said that "little can be done" now to end the fighting.
- o A German spokesman said Saddam has rejected Moscow's peace proposal and that the Iraqi leader alone bears the responsibility for further bloodshed.



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